

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated August 23, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claim 1 is hereby amended and new claims 7-12 are added. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kobayashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,359); and rejected claims 4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi et al. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites, for example, a combination of elements, "...a connector having first pads fixedly connected to the tape carrier package and second pads adapted to be connected to at least one of gate pads and data pads of the liquid crystal panel." None of the cited reference including Kobayashi et al. teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. In addition, Applicant notes that the claimed invention relates to an inspection apparatus and Kobayashi et al., in contrast, relates to a liquid crystal display device. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 2-6, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

New claim 7 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 7 recites, for example, a combination of elements, "...a connector having first pads fixedly connected to the tape carrier package and second pads adapted to be connected to at least one of gate pads and data pads of the liquid crystal panel." None of the cited reference including Kobayashi et al. teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 7 and claims 8-12, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

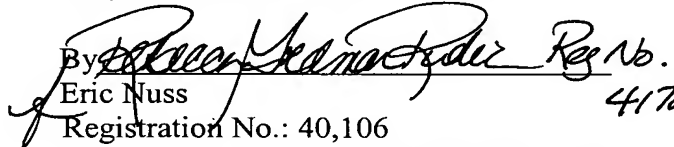
Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-

7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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